

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	BUCKNER <i>et al.</i>)	
SERIAL NO.:	10/599,662)	EXAMINER: PORTER, JR., GARY A.
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TITLE:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 2433
	SURGICAL TREATMENT OF)	
	CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE)	

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2009 as follows:

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